Easy Japanese crane with cherry blossom

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.6 × 4.5 in (9.1 × 11.4 cm).



Which color goes where. Each number is a stitch of the list.

Stitch in this order

1. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Crown, body, tail plumes
2. **Back stitch**
   3 strands: legs
   2 strands: bill, wing
3. **Straight stitch**
   3 strands: blossom stalk
   2 strands: toes
4. **Running stitch**, 2 strands
   Ripple
5. **Lazy daisy stitch**, 4 strands
   Blossom, fallen petal
6. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Eye, blossom heart

Floss

- **DMC 349 Dark Coral**
  Crown and blossom heart
- **DMC 336 Navy Blue**
  Body, ripple, tail plumes, legs, bill, wing, toes and eye
- **DMC 3688 Medium Mauve**
  Blossom, fallen petal and blossom stalk

How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Start each thread with a small knot on the back, and end it by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. Each small loop is one lazy daisy: come up at its point. A dashed line is running stitch.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 2 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 2 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 3, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 2 and 3 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

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6 inch hoop

Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

Check square: 1 inch (25.4 mm) on each side.
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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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